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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir:

This communication is in response to the office action of June 7, 2004.

Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks are respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. .

Claims 10, 11, 14 and 28 have been allowed, and claims 5-7, 19, 21, and 24-27 are objected to.

Claims 1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 15-18, 20, 22 and 23 are rejected.

Claims 1, 9, 13, 16, 22-23 and 28 have been amended to specify that the element A and element B have different *analgesic* compounds, rather than different *chemical* compounds.

No amendment is believed to add new matter.

It is believed that these amendments render the claims allowable in view of the final office action.

In the final action, Examiner indicates that Desai teaches a combination of locally acting and systemic analgesics, wherein the analgesics are two distinct chemical compounds. Further, Examiner correctly points out that the previous amendment recited different chemical compounds, not different analgesic compounds.

In response, claims 1, 9, 13, 16, 22-23 and 28 have been amended herein to specify that the element A and element B have different *analgesic* compounds, rather

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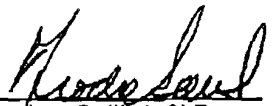
than merely different *chemical* compounds. In all cases where the term different chemical compounds appeared in the claims, the corresponding amendment was made.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, It is respectfully requested that the rejection over Desai be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

However, should Examiner still feel that there exist some minor issues to resolve prior to allowing the claims, he should feel free to contact the undersigned.

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